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<u>AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL</u>

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 19-25 without prejudice.

<u>REMARKS</u>

Record of Interview

A telephone interview was conducted with Examiner Franklin on March 26, 2003. Attorneys for the Applicant, Randall G. Rueth and Martin J. Hirsch also participated in the interview. The attorneys for the Applicant informed the Examiner that the rejection was errenous because U.S. Patent No. 6,253,119 to Dabrowski does not appear to disclose certain features recited in independent claims 26, 32, and 36. The attorneys for the Applicant also proposed to the Examiner that they would cancel claims 19-25 without prejudice. It was agreed that the Examiner would review and consider this Amendment After Final.